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Mr. Beecher's view of the Industrial Situation.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is a

cheerful sort of person. What he

doesn't know about the state of the

country, present and prospective, isn't

knowing. Assuming Cleveland's election

beyond a doubt, Mr. Beecher hastens to

give his idea of the industrial outlook.

Being asked whether "the election of

Cleveland would adversely affect the

prosperity of the country," he replied:

It cannot affect business in any way

whatever. It won't touch any kind of

business except the manufacturing. As

the manufacturing business is about as

bad off as it can possibly be now, there

can hardly be a change that won't be

for the better.

Mr. Beecher sets up for a great states-

man and a political economist. But this

is a new proposition in political economy,

that a thing which is bad cannot be worse.

It would be instructive to know on what

Mr. Beecher bases his assumption that

"there can hardly be a change that won't

be for the better." There might be a

change that would throw out of employ-

ment half the men and women now earn-

ing wages; or the change might go further

and paralyze every manufacturing indus-

try.

It is a plain proposition that the passage

of such a bill as Mr. Morrison's of last

winter, which proposed to take a fifth of

the duty off everything, would seriously

affect wages. If it be insisted that em-

ployers give their employees their share

of increased production, nobody will main-

tain that they would not be prompt

enough to give their employers a share in

a decrease.

But there is no reason to suppose that

reduced wages and diminished profits

for workmen and their families would

seriously move Mr. Beecher. He has had

no association with plain people who

work for wages. His path has been above

and beyond them. If they have shrieked

with the pain of pinching poverty their

cry has not touched his heart.

It is only when labor breaks out in dem-

onstrations of discontent, obstructs the

business of the country, or in mad, un-

governed rage, threatens property with

wholesale destruction—it is only then that

men of the Beecher type realize that labor

is a real thing, a flesh and blood entity,

with mouth and stomach. Mr. Beecher

has put on record his idea of the needs of

labor—a bread and water diet. In a pub-

lished letter from this city he has given

his idea of the workmen of Wheeling,

whose condition he seemed to think would

be improved by less wages.

It was largely because he holds these

views—a pronounced and unqualified

free trader—that Mr. Beecher has

left the Republican party and joined an

organization which promises industrial

conditions more to his liking.

The country will hope for the best, no

matter what party is in National control;

but it has little to expect from men of the

Beecher stamp, whose lives are lies and

whose hearts are stones.

Jumping On the Ohio County Democracy.

Ohio county courts have been the scene

of the most curious and ridiculous

display of demagoguery since the

days of the late President. The

county court is a body of men who

are supposed to be impartial and

disinterested. They are supposed to

be the highest authority in the

county. They are supposed to be

the only body of men who can

decide upon the merits of a case.

But in Ohio county the courts are

nothing more than a tool of the

demagogue. They are used to

bring about the election of a

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The Democratic Candidate.

"Boys," said Jones, "bawling into the

caucus, 'I'll not let him

'Get whom?'

"The candidate that's sure to be elected,

couldn't tell the bloody shirt from a

white necktie, never makes speeches, and

doesn't write letters."

"Great Scott! Who is he?"

"Brown. He's been deaf, dumb, and

blind ever since he was born."

An Inference.

"Where have you been, Mr. Jubler?"

"Been to San Antonio."

"My husband is there for his health."

"Did you meet Dick yesterday?"

"Did he look all right?"

"O yes, I found Richard was himself

again."

"He was, was he? Well, then, he must

have been full of goose."

A Natural Mistake.

Exchange.

"Is there a row inside?" a policeman

asked of the ticket seller at the box office.

"No row, yeses."

"There is a disturbance of some kind in

there, certain," the officer insisted, half

drawing his club.

"You are mistaken," said the ticket

seller, "it's only a theatre party."

"There Was a Little Girl."

Yes; and when the roses faded from her

cheeks and she became listless and languid

and pale, they gave her Brown's Iron

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her ruddy and strong. Miss Weigold, 23

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